

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs that were previously added to the bottom of page 3 by Applicant's amendment filed May 20, 2003:

More specifically, as shown in Figs. 8-11, the manufacturers' shoes 12 have the common characteristic that the bottom (or sole) sole of each shoe 12 has at least one generally triangularly configured cleat mounting surface with an upstanding a border defining a generally triangular recess 14 for receiving a cleat 10 with a threaded receptacle 18 positioned within the generally triangular recess 14 for receiving a retaining screw to hold the cleat 10 in place.

As principally shown in Figure 8, a first shoe 12a, One of the shoes provided by a first one of the manufacturers, has formed the bottom exterior surface an equilateral three sided includes a generally triangular recess 14a formed in the sole around about the threaded receptacle 18, sides of the generally triangular recess 14a extending transversely outwardly from the sole shoe bottom exterior surface, with vertices of the generally triangular recess 14a being rounded, two of the sides being straight linear and a third side having defining an inset inboard of the a line which, if drawn, would connect two of the vertices in a the same manner as identically to that of the straight linear sides.

As shown in Figure 9, a A second shoe 12b, provided by a second one of the manufacturers, has a generally equilaterally triangular shaped raised portion extending outwardly respecting the sole, bottom with sides of the triangularly shaped raised portion sloping inwardly relative to the triangularly shaped raised portion with increasing distance from the sole bottom. The vertices of the triangle generally triangular recess 14b are rounded. Outer edges of two Two of the sides of generally triangular recess 14b are straight triangular or linear and a third side defines has an inset inboard of a line which, if drawn, would connect two of the vertices in the same manner as identically to that of the straight linear sides. The triangularly shaped raised portion is positioned around about the threaded receptacle 18 formed in the sole bottom, with the threaded receptacle 18 substantially midway between the center of the triangularly shaped raised portion and a vertex connecting the two straight sides linear edges.

A third shoe furnished by a third one of the manufacturers has a generally isosceles triangular shaped recess formed about the

~~receptacle. Vertices of the recess are rounded and sides of the recess are linear with two equal length sides being substantially the length of the linear sides of the recess in the first and second shoes. The third side is longer than the equal length sides.~~

As shown in Figure 10, a third A fourth shoe 12c provided furnished by a third fourth one of the manufacturers, has a portion of generally triangular rib configuration extending raised transversely from the sole bottom and surrounding the threaded receptacle 18. adjacently to Generally triangular rib is open, the two ends of generally triangular rib stopping short of where one vertex of the generally triangular rib configuration would be if the two sides of the generally triangular rib leading theretowards were extended to intersect. The two sides of the generally triangular rib configuration are of equal length and are connected by a third side having a continuous arc is swung from the top of the third side in a plane parallel to the third side and perpendicular to the sole, about the receptacle. The two equal length sides of the triangular configuration, if extended to intersect, would be defined by vertices, terminating short of intersection and being connected by straight line edges of the portion of generally triangular configuration, to a third side of the triangular configuration. The generally triangular rib includes an upstanding lips extending inwardly toward the center of the triangle and parallel with the sole from the tops of each of the two equal length sides, bordering the triangular portion remote from the receptacle with edges of the lips bounding bordering the two equal length sides of the triangular portion; and stopping short of intersection vertices of said triangular rib.

As shown in Figure 11, a fourth shoe 12d, provided by a fourth one of the manufacturers, has a generally triangular recess 14d formed about threaded receptacle 18. Vertices of generally triangular recess 14d are rounded and sides of the recess are straight with two equal length sides being substantially the length of the straight sides of generally triangular recess 14b of second shoes 12b. The third side is longer than the equal length sides. The third side is straight.